

Dear Sirs or Madams,

It has recently come to my attention that the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) is attempting to stifle competition by asking you to restrict the broadcast of local weather, traffic and other data over Satellite Radio delivery systems.

I strongly urge you to dismiss NAB's attempt to restrict my access to this type of information. I believe that this is a violation of my rights, but also in direct violation of the spirit and intent of the various telecommunication laws that you oversee.

It is apparent that instead of becoming more competitive and innovative, NAB is trying to use the federal government and their influence over certain congresspersons to take a giant step backward in providing the public what we want.

The Federal Communications Commission has always stood for upholding the rights of citizens to have radio spectrum that is free from interference, safe in it's operation, and INNOVATIVE! Please do not allow the NAB special interest usurp your long standing success.

Satellite Radio service has provided me, my co-workers and family with a dependable and convenient media in which to get accurate weather, traffic conditions and other services WHEN I NEED THEM!

If I am approaching a major city that Satellite Radio provides information on, I must first find a local station, then wait to get traffic information, if it is even being broadcast at the time I need it. This would be like asking a pilot to approach a landing and tune into a local radio station to find out if there is any traffic on the runway. With Satellite Radio I can select the channel of interest and within just a minute have up-to-date weather and road conditions. This saves time, energy and money. Members of NAB don't offer this.

I believe that the FCC has allowed NAB members to transmit weather and traffic data on subcarriers of there broadcast signal, but because of the alleged costs involved, NAB members have been very slow to implement such service. The in-dash radio in all of my various vehicles have this capability, but NAB members don't broadcast the data.

I would encourage NAB members to spend their money on being more creative with their programming, not spend there time and money in a deliberate attack on my right to choose program suppliers and what they transmit.

Please refuse to give NAB what they want.

Sincerely,

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